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FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT ***Ladera Vista Junior High School of the Arts*** ***Earns Arts Schools Network Exemplary School Designation***

(Fullerton, CA) – Ladera Vista Junior High School of the Arts has been designated an Exemplary School in recognition of its commitment to excellence by the Arts Schools Network Board of Directors. This five-year designation (2022-2027), was only awarded to nine schools in acknowledgement of meeting the Art Schools Network’s Principles of Exemplary Practice in strategically evaluating its purpose, operations, and educational programs.

Ladera Vista Junior High School of the Arts is known for its arts-based programs and supporting academic achievement through an arts-based lens. The arts program involved stakeholders in decision making and planning through an Arts Integration Team, Leadership Team, School Site Council, PTSA, and other school support groups. The faculty of 40 teachers at Ladera Vista Junior High School of the Arts consists of veteran teachers with decades of experience and younger teachers who have eagerly joined the staff with a shared vision of the importance of the arts. An established process for auditions and prerequisite requirements ensures appropriate student placement.

Ladera Vista Junior High School of the Arts offers rigorous elective classes that meet the diverse needs of the students, while not placing excessive demands on teachers. Visiting artists enhance and expand student understanding of possible careers in the arts, and the important part that the arts play in the world. Ladera Vista Junior High School of the Arts will be recognized at the annual Arts Schools Network conference in Nevada in October 2022.

Arts Schools Network (ASN), the nation’s largest professional membership organization of specialized arts schools, awards Exemplary School designation to members that follow *A Guide to Assessing Your Arts School* in strategically evaluating their school’s purpose, operations, and educational programs. The *Guide* is a collaborative effort by ASN and the Accrediting Commission for Community and Pre-collegiate Arts schools (ACCPAS).

The Fullerton School District is located in northern Orange County, California and serves over 11,100 students in grades TK – 8th. The Fullerton School District includes 20 schools, 15 elementary schools, two K-8th grade schools, and three middle schools. The mission of the Fullerton School District is to work collaboratively with the community to provide an innovative, high-quality educational program for all students in a safe learning environment. The District motto, “*Great Schools - Successful Kids*” exemplifies the belief that all students will achieve academic excellence, acquire interpersonal skills, and develop technological expertise to contribute as productive citizens in a democratic society. For more information, call 714/447-7400 or visit www.fullertonsd.org.

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